Labour force

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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has assessed the number of labour force in the country at the beginning of the Tenth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the number thereof and the number of unemployed labourers out of those; and

(c) the details of the illiterate, literate, skilled and un-skilled labourers separately, out of these unemployed labourers?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI SAHIB SINGH VERMA): (a) and (b) Estimates of employment and unemployment are obtained through quinquennial labour force surveys conducted by National Sample Survey Organisation. Last such survey was carried out during 1999-2000. As per this survey, estimated labour force in the country on usual status basis was of the order of 406 million. Out of these, approximately 90 lakh persons were unemployed.

(c) Education level-wise distribution of unemployed (15 years & above) is given below:

Education level	Percentage of unemployed			
	Rural Male	Rural Female	Urban Male	Urban Female
Not literate	6.4	5.2	4.4	3.8
Literate & upto primary	14.8	8.3	13.4	5.6
Middle	21.6	18.8	21.9	14.3
Secondary	24.4	28.7	19.6	19.4
Higher Secondary	15.7	13.5	16.7	17.9
Graduate & above	16.9	25.4	24.0	38.9

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